

Application No. 10/808,994
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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A convertible snow shoveling device comprising:
first and second substantially planar shovel blades;
at least one male connection part extending from an edge portion of the first shovel blade; and
at least one female connection part disposed along an edge portion of the second shovel blade, the at least one female connection part sized and shaped to receive the at least one male connection part to releasably couple the first and second shovel blades together.
2. (Original) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, further comprising at least one handle element coupled to and projecting from at least one of the first and second shovel blades.
3. (Original) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 2, further comprising a hand grip coupled to the at least one handle element at a location distal from the at least one of the first and second shovel blades.
4. (Original) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the male connection part comprises a post disposed along the edge portion of the first shovel blade and the female connection part comprises a slotted tube disposed along the edge portion of the second shovel blade.
5. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 4, wherein the female connection part is disposed along a rear portion of the edge portion of the second shovel blade, such that the first and second shovel blades overlap when coupled together.

6. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the at least one male connection part comprises a plurality of tabs and the at least one female connection part comprises a plurality of slots.

7. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the at least one male connection part comprises a plurality of mushroom-shaped pegs and the female connection part comprises a plurality of notched keyholes.

8. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 7, further comprising two mushroom-shaped pegs and two notched keyholes.

9. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the at least one male connection part comprises a plurality of mushroom-shaped pegs and the at least one female connection part comprises a notched keyhole and a slotted keyhole extending inward from the edge of the second shovel blade.

10. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the at least one male connection part comprises a plurality of L-shaped tabs and the at least one female connection part comprises a plurality of loops.

11. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 1, wherein the at least one male connection part comprises a plurality of posts and the at least one female connection part comprises a plurality of tubes.

12. (Original) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 3, further comprising a plurality of handle elements, at least one coupled to and projecting from each of the first and second shovel blades, each of the handle elements having a hand grip.

13. (Original) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 12, further comprising an elongated handlebar for releasably coupling the plurality of hand grips together.

14. (Original) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 13, wherein the elongated handlebar engages the hand grips in a snap-fit arrangement.

15. (Original) A convertible snow shoveling device comprising:
a substantially planar shovel blade having opposite side edge portions;
at least one male connection part extending from one of said side edge portions;
and

at least one complementary female connection part disposed along the other of
said side edge portions, said female connection part sized and shaped to receive said
male connection part so that a snow shoveling device having like male and female
connection parts may be releasably coupled thereto.

16. (Original) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15, wherein
the male connection part comprises a post disposed along the edge portion of the shovel
blade and the female connection part comprises a slotted tube disposed along the other
edge portion of the shovel blade.

17. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 16,
wherein the female connection part is disposed along a rear portion of the edge portion
of the shovel blade.

18. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15,
wherein the male connection part comprises a plurality of tabs and the female
connection part comprises a plurality of slots.

19. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15,
wherein the male connection part comprises a plurality of mushroom-shaped pegs and
the female connection part comprises a plurality of notched keyholes.

20. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15,
wherein the male connection part comprises a plurality of mushroom-shaped pegs and
the female connection part comprises a notched keyhole and a slotted keyhole
extending inward from the other edge of the shovel blade.

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21. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15, wherein the male connection part comprises a plurality of L-shaped tabs and the female connection part comprises a plurality of loops.

22. (Withdrawn) The convertible snow shoveling device of claim 15, wherein the male connection part comprises a plurality of posts and the female connection part comprises a plurality of tubes.

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Response to Election/Restriction Requirement:

Applicant herein elects to prosecute the species of Figures 1-3. Applicant herein states that claims 1-4 and 12-16 are readable upon the species of Figures 1-3.

Accordingly, Applicant has withdrawn from further consideration claims 5-11 and 17-22, but reserves the right to rejoin these claims upon the allowance of a generic claim.